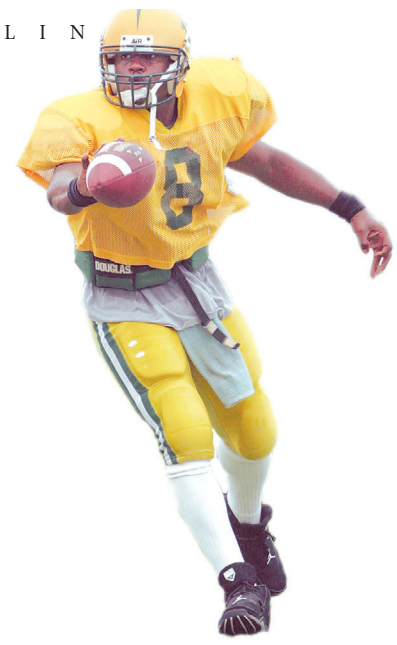
MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY — JOPLIN

THE CHART



CUBA SEMESTER

THE ISLAND

Why Cuba? Read the story and find out why. *Page 5*

A NEW SEASON

Check out how the Lions football squad's season is starting. *Page 12*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2003 | WWW.THECHARTONLINE.COM | VOLUME NO. 64, ISSUE NO. 1

University says farewell to state College

BY MICHELLE CONTY
Coordinating Editor

That which is put on the back burner eventually has to come forward.

In a special ceremony held July 12, Gov. Bob Holden signed Senate Bill 55 changing the name of Missouri Southern State College to Missouri Southern State University—Joplin.

Sen. Gary Nodler (R-Joplin), the bill's sponsor, and other members of the Missouri legislative delegation, were on hand for the event held in Taylor Auditorium.

"For many years Missouri Southern has done the quality of work that a university does, it just lacked the name," Nodler said. "This name change gives them the recognition they have deserved for so long."

The name change is an opportunity to enhance Southern's credibility and visibility on a national and international level, León In many parts of the world, the college designation indicates high school level. The term university more accurately describes Southern, as well as enhances the international mission. It will also be a valuable tool in efforts to recruit students.

"University status better enhances Southern's ability to compete on a national and global level," Holden said. "This is an opportunity for Missouri."

Students and faculty agree the name change brings prestige to campus.

"I'm tickled that we are now a university instead of a college," said Paula Rouner, sophomore undecided major.

Rouner lived in Kirksville, Mo. when Northwest Missouri State College became Truman University.

"Being a university brought status and influence to both the campus and the community," she said. "After a period of progression, university status raised the institution's standards."

State funds were not used to implement the transition.

"University status carries more prestige," said Doug Carnahan, dean of students.

"The name change was long overdue. What was frustrating was that it was about politics; it didn't have so much to do with the curriculum. Private schools across the nation can change their names virtually overnight without the hoops to jump though."

Southern will be required to discontinue all associate degree programs by July 1, 2008. Southern has already established a cooperative agreement with Crowder College in Neosho in an effort to begin this process. Crowder will likely assume many of the associate degrees now offered at Southern.

"We are very excited about this

TURN TO **NAME,** PAGE 14

There's more

- Southern Board of Regents turns into Board of Governors.
- Name change affects Southern Bookstore.

Read these stories on Page 14

Cost of tuition on rise, MSSU sees 2.4% increase

BY MICHELLE CONTY
Coordinating Editor

Despite budget cuts and withholdings, Missouri Southern has the lowest tuition in the state.

Decreasing state revenue lead to $1.6 million in withholdings, forcing Southern to operate on a 1998 budget.

Departmental budgets received a 25 percent cut.

"It's up to the departments' discretion what to do or not do with what's left," said Jeff Gibson, director of budgeting and operations."

Colleges and universities across the state, including state agencies, have been affected.

"How the departments are shouldering the cuts are unique to each department," said Dr. Terri Agee, vice president for business affairs.

Administration is focusing on "minimal impact to students," Agee said.

Faculty travel, supplies, printing and copying costs are being eyed for cutbacks.

"Student travel funds were not subjected to the cuts," Gibson said.

"It has created a lot more e-mail, and creative ways to communicate versus the paper method," Agee said.

Salaries were also affected by the withholding.

"What we told the faculty was we were attempting to match salaries to national averages at similar institutions," said University President Julio León.

"We originally had in mind to increase salaries to 87 percent of published national figures."

Faculty members whose salaries already met or exceeded 87 percent of the national average of College and University Personnel Association were to receive a 4 percent raise.

When Gov. Holden withheld the equity adjustment that had been approved by the legislature, the University had no choice but to scale back.

Salary goals were adjusted to 85 percent or a 2 percent raise, if the 85 percent goal was already met.

For those receiving a promotion, the customary $2,000 bonus was withheld if the 2 percent raise exceeded the bonus.

"We had already announced the salary increases when the governor's withholding was announced," León said. "It was totally unexpected."

"We want to remain competitive in salaries to attract and retain instructors," Agee said.

The cuts and withholdings also lead to an increase in tuition.

"Southern's rate increase was the lowest in the state," said Rob Yust, treasurer.

Costs Per Credit Hour

University of MO.	$194.60
Truman State	$191.50
SMS	$138
MSSU	$127

A GRAND SONG

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Luis E. Guillén, lead singer of the Kansas City salsa band Son Venezuela, performs Aug. 28 for an audience in Taylor Auditorium as part of the University's Cuba Semester.

Residence halls, BSC dish out new food service company

Naoko Onoda/The Chart

Jason Givens, senior undecided major, scoops up some food in the residence hall dining hall.

BY JERRY MANTER
Editor-in-Chief

Students living in the residence halls have more options in the dining room this semester.

Sodexho, the company that took over food duties from AmeriServe in the residence halls and at Billingsly Student Center, has revamped the dinning hall's atmosphere and have added a few menu items as well.

"Everything is going very well," said Deb Gipson, residence hall director. "Things are the way we want them to be."

The biggest change for students in the residence hall is the self-serve bar. Students are no longer offered portions by cafeteria staff.

The new self-serve bars were given a test run over the summer with students.

"This summer it worked well during summer camps," Gipson said. "We were pretty sure it was going to work really well."

Rahila Khan, junior physics major, said for the most part she's OK with the new food service program.

"I think the food is all right," Khan said.

Khan, who lived in the residence halls last year, said that although the atmosphere has changed for the better, she's not certain what she thinks about the new food options.

"There seems to be less food choices," she said. "They don't serve a lot of meat."

Ron Cooksey, general manager of Sodexho, said when the company began working at Missouri Southern its main goal was to create a dining room atmosphere rather than just another school cafeteria. Staff workers painted walls and cleared out space around the salad bar.

"Students seem to like what we have done," Cooksey said.

TURN TO **FOOD,** PAGE 2

INSIDE THIS EDITION

City.....8	News.....2,3,8,11
Closer Look.....14	Public Forum.....4
Diversions.....6,7	Security.....2
International.....5	Sports.....12,13

WEEKEND OUTLOOK

SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 80
Low: 53

SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 83
Low: 58

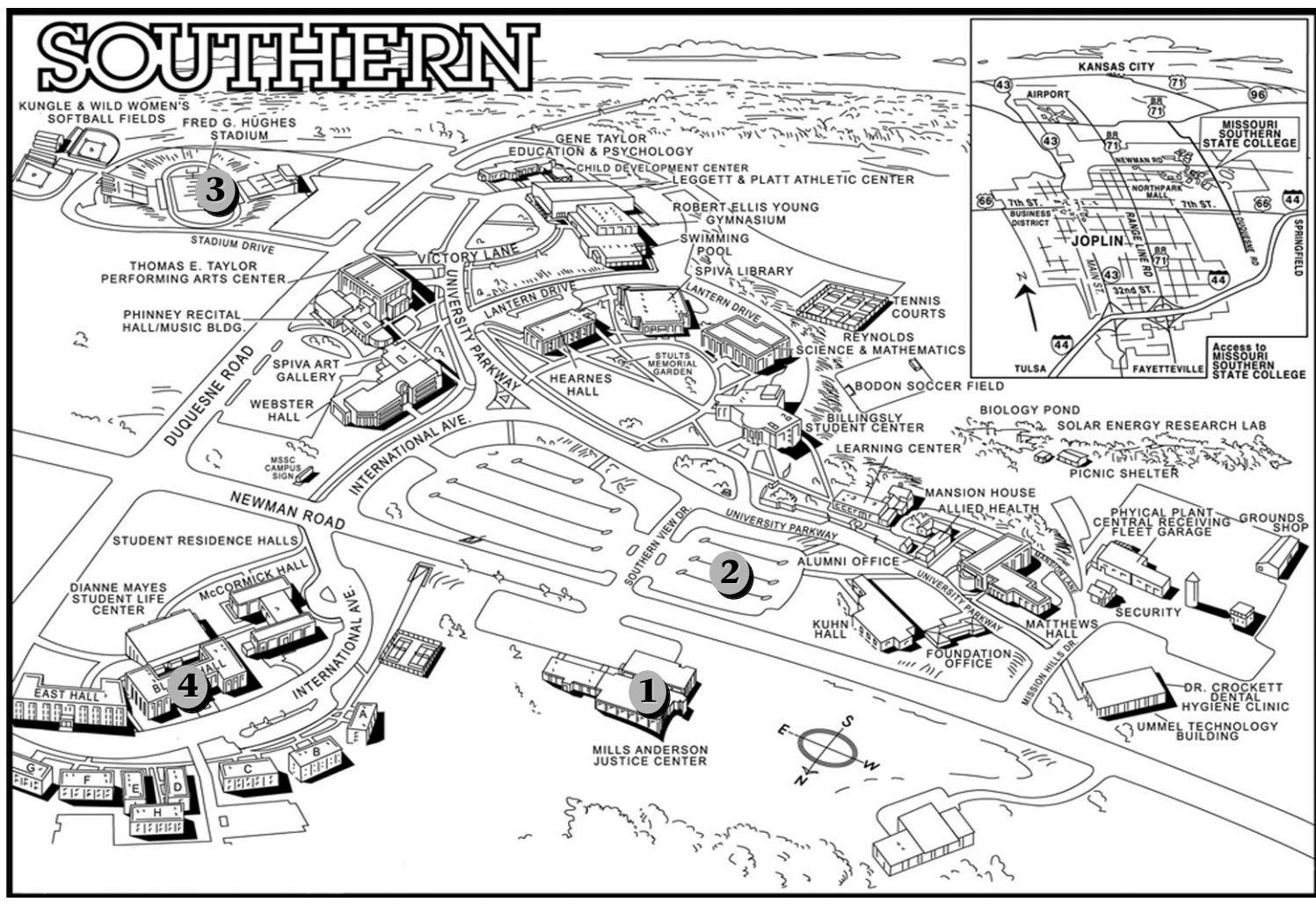
ONLINE

Click on the online edition of The Chart at www.thechartonline.com

It doesn't matter where you read The Chart...

Just pick it up!

SPORTS SCENE
Give 'em the heater
THE CHART
BARBER BUSINESS
ROCKIN' RECITAL
Southern's budget increases by $2 million
Dean decides to step down in business
Pitcher bids farewell to Southern
Post season in question
Golf team putts to first in MIAA Championship
Pre-enrollment figures decline for fall 2003
CAB plans outside scheduled meeting times
Debater reaches national status in NFA championships



Gator wreaks havoc on football turf

1 Security Alarm

08/27/03

12:32 a.m.

A security officer responded to a crime alarm going off in the Justice Center. Upon checking the exterior and interior of the building, the officer determined it was secure.

2 Hit and Run

8/26/03

12:50 p.m.

A student noticed someone had hit his car in the left rear corner, pulling the bumper loose. Security examined the car and concluded a wheel of a large pickup had hit the bumper.

3 Property Destruction

08/14/03

7:15 a.m.

Unknown individuals stole the Gator belonging to the turf installers. The Gator was used to cut donuts on the field and taken on the cross country course and knocked over some mile markers.

After the joy ride, the individuals jammed the accelerator causing the Gator to jump three bleachers before crashing. There are no suspects at this time.

4 Information

08/19/03

2:45 a.m.

A security officer approached an unknown individual posting fliers. When asked the individual stated he had got off work and was just getting around to posting the fliers.

Upon further inspection the officer noticed the fliers were for an off-campus club announcing a keg party. The officer approached the individual, who then proceeded to take down all of the fliers.

FOOD:

From Page 1

Other changes include a waffle bar that's available for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Cooksey said he interviews students on a daily basis to find out what they are enjoying and what's lacking good taste.

"If students don't like something on the menu, they need to let us know," he said.

Alexandar Vassilev, freshman computer information systems major, said he's enjoyed the food so far this semester.

"I like the diversity of the food," Vassilev said.

Cooksey said with the addition of the self-serve bar, minimizing the amount of wasted food was a concern. It's yet to be a problem at Southern.

"Students have been very good with that," he said. "They aren't wasting a lot of food."

Advertise with *The Chart*

CRIMSON SKY
...Invading soon
Album due out in December
Root Down Records

SMB
Southwest Missouri Bank
Cash on Campus
ATM in Billingsly Student Center
FREE Checking
with FREE bounce protection
Convenience
2 full service banking facilities within 1 mile of the campus
623.5959 7th & Duquesne
FDIC
206.6800 Range Line & Zora
Joplin ● Carthage ● Duquesne ● Neosho ● Alba ● Jasper

STSTRAVEL.COM
Join America's #1 Student Tour Operator
CANCUN
ACAPULCO
JAMAICA
BAHAMAS
FLORIDA
SPRING BREAK 2004
Sell Trips, Earn Cash, Go Free! Now Hiring
Call for group discounts
STS STUDENT TRAVEL SERVICES
1-800-648-4849 / www.ststravel.com

GOODY'S
COLLEGE IS EXPENSIVE.
Clothes for college shouldn't be.
GOODY'S WELCOMES STUDENTS BACK!
GOODY'S COUPON
present this coupon for EXTRA SAVINGS
TAKE AN EXTRA 10% OFF YOUR ENTIRE PURCHASE!*
*Good on almost everything in the store! Excludes denim, clearance, Dockers®, athletic shoes, Goody's Giftcard purchases, Y.E.S.® value items, fine jewelry, fragrances and tuxedo rentals. One coupon per customer. May not be used with any other coupons or discount offers. Offer expires Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2003.
527

Missouri Southern State University Catholic Campus Organization

We invite you to join us for Mass on campus as well as shared meals and other activities.

Mass will be in Room 311 of Billingsly Student Center on Thursdays from 12:20 p.m. to 12:55 p.m.

If you are interested in participating, just come to our weekly Mass or contact Dr. Jackson, our faculty sponsor. For further information via e-mail *(Jackson-J@mssu.edu)*

Summer work improves campus convenience

University completes several campus projects even with late funding

BY MANDI STEELE
Managing Editor

Returning from summer vacation, students may have noticed several differences to Missouri Southern's campus.

New sidewalks were poured, the front parking lots were recovered, the Campus Activities Board office was moved, Maupin Hall received new carpet and Starbucks has joined forces with the library café.

Bob Harrington, director of the physical plant, said the front parking lots were overdue for maintenance, so it was decided that they would be recovered with two inches of new asphalt and restriped.

The project cost the University an estimated $94,000.

"This was really a major improvement," said Dr. Terri Agee, vice president for business affairs.

The new sidewalks located in different areas around campus cost about $50,000, Harrington said.

"We tried to put the sidewalks in areas where students have been walking anyway," he said.

All improvements had to wait until the second week of July to begin, because the University didn't receive its budget from the state until then.

"Our budget was approved very late in the process," Agee said.

Russ Hagerman/The Chart

Southern kept busy this summer by pouring asphalt for the front parking lots, restriping the lots and pouring concrete for sidewalks. No parking spots were lost to restriping.

She said because of the state "budget crisis" Southern had to stretch its funds to the maximum benefit.

"I think we've gotten a lot of bang for our buck this year," Agee said.

Harrington said that out of three of the on-campus apartment complexes he wanted to have recarpeted, Southern could only afford to have one done.

Maupin was chosen above Stone and Mitchell, because of its inferior carpet condition.

"It was absolutely the worst," Harrington said.

It cost about $13,000 to put new carpet in Maupin Harrington said. The University is also in the process of changing out the front windows of the apartment complexes.

The CAB office that used to be on the bottom floor of the Billingsly Student Center has now been moved to the second floor where the MSSC Store used to be.

Agee said Southern's new food service provider will fill the need of the MSSC Store. She also said most of the products sold at the MSSC Store weren't popular enough to sell, so it won't be missed.

Agee hopes CAB's new location will help generate more interest for student involvement with student activities.

The library café has changed its name to University Java and has started serving Starbucks coffee along with different pastries, salads and sandwiches.

"We're giving that whole coffee shop a face lift," Agee said.

She thinks with the money allotted, Southern has had many important improvements over the summer.

"We're really trying to improve convenience on campus," she said.

New bioinformatics major hits campus

BY BILL SHEPHERD
Staff Writer

Scientists studying and mapping the human genome will need new technologies to research the vast amounts of information the project produces.

This is the principle behind bioinformatics, a new discipline of study emerging in the field of biology, and a new major at Missouri Southern.

Bioinformatics is the processing and studying of the information gathered by computers about the human genome project. The bioinformatics major will combine core classes in biology with core class in computer information science.

Dr. Scott Wells, head of the biology department, said Southern has been working to add the major to its curriculum for three years, and it is the first undergraduate program for bioinformatics in Missouri.

"In essence, it's a double major of biology and computer information science," Wells said.

Upon completion of the first bioinformatics majors in 2004, students will obtain a double baccalaureate in biology and computer information science. Wells said the major will require the standard 124 credit hours, but will leave little room for elective classes.

Dr. Jack Oakes, head of the computer information science department, said bioinformatics is an exciting new field of science with many job opportunities in the future.

"They're using computers and sophisticated searching algorithms to deal with this large data base of information being produced by the genetics program," Oakes said.

He said bioinformatics is the opportunity to integrate expertise from both areas of science to solve important problems.

Dr. Gerald Schlink, professor of biology, will be the adviser for the bioinformatics major and teach the biology core class called Bioinformatics.

"The discipline is a hybrid between computer usage and a knowledge of biology," Schlink said. "The biologist has to have computer programs to do the analysis, and computer programmers have to know enough biology to know what computer program to write."

Schlink said Bioinformatics 420 will not begin until next semester. Schlink and Dennis Herr, assistant professor of computer information science, will attend a conference in October where professionals and educators from around the country will determine where the field of discipline is going and what educators should teach in the classroom.

Schlink said bioinformatics was the most rapidly advancing area in biology and thinks the major allows students a wide range of opportunities in the new biotechnology world.

"A person can decide to go more into the computer side or go into the biology more, but both will be working hand-in-hand," Schlink said.

MANGOS TO GO

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies, and Rod Surber, director of public information, hand out mangos during Fall Forward.

Senate furnishes new ideas

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

Many issues for this year's Student Senate will be completely new, however, there are some issues that have been to the Senate before.

This year, two projects in particular will carry over from last year's Senate meetings. The projects are a proposed new recreation and health center for all students and a new electric sign for the University.

"We have a strong foundation started last year," said Zack Odem, senior accounting major and president of Senate.

He said this year the Senate will continue in the right direction by building upon last year's work.

"It's an exciting time to be a senator at Missouri Southern State University," he said. "Senators get to get out and see the campus and make a difference."

Odem said he would also like to see a new electric sign for the campus.

"Cost is a problem, but a sign would keep us more informed," said Jeannie Archie, senior sociology major and vice president of Senate.

Odem said the sign would allow students to have a more centralized location to keep track of University news.

Both Archie and Odem said the proposed recreation and health center would allow all students, not just athletes, a place to work out.

Doug Carnahan, dean of students and adviser to the Senate, said Southern is the only MIAA school in its conference without a recreation center.

"We can understand why the administration is reluctant, but we can't put it on the back burner," Odem said.

In past years, the Senate has looked at issues such as additional parking lots, sidewalks and the tunnel under Newman Road.

The Senate also helps out with activities including Homecoming, graduation and phonathons.

Senators are also allowed to serve as voting members on several Faculty Senate committees which discuss athletics, scholarships, student affairs and other topics of interest to the student body.

The first Senate meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17. The first business meeting will be on Sept. 24. All meetings are open to any student who wishes to attend.

Security complaints circulate as crimes mount at Northpark

BY JONATHAN BEVILLE
Staff Writer

Since Jan. 1, 2003, more than 145 Joplin police reports have been filed for incidents occurring at Northpark Mall. The reports include vandalism and petty theft, as well as assault and sexual misconduct.

Several of the more serious crimes occurred in the mall parking lot, which has no continuous security presence. A Joplin resident's son was molested in the parking lot of the mall in January.

"There really wasn't anything done at all," said "Carol," the boy's mother. "I don't usually go alone, and I certainly don't let my children go alone."

Of the 145 reports filed, 76 were for petty theft, 14 for theft from a vehicle, five for forgery, five for burglary, five for grand theft, five for narcotics and drugs, four for hit and run/leaving the scene of an accident, three for domestic violence, three for fraud, two for robbery, two for vehicle theft, two for property destruction, one for sexual misconduct, and one for trespassing. The remaining offenses were for attempted crimes.

Dwayne Patton, general manager of the mall, said the mall is a safe place to be.

"There are more people here on any given day than in any other part of the city," Patton said. "If you compare crime rates in Joplin, or what I would say is the lack of a crime rate in Joplin, you would see that security at the mall is more than adequate for what transpires here."

General Growth Properties, the company responsible for the management of the mall, adheres to industry standards for shopping center security, he said. The Chicago-based company, which is the second largest owner/manager of shopping centers in the country, consults with Valor Security, a security firm providing public safety services to malls across the country.

"It's not just the public safety officers who make the mall safe, it's also the customers that tell us if something occurs," Patton said. "We have many seniors here in the mornings who are very proactive in notifying us if they see anything out of the ordinary."

Joplin resident Mandy Sparlin, 18, was the victim of assault at the mall Aug. 20. Sparlin was leaving the mall with a friend when she was grabbed from behind. She had seen her attacker staring at her as she entered the mall by Garcia's 10-15 minutes earlier. Though public safety was notified, the attacker was never apprehended.

"To me it didn't seem like they did as much as they could have done," Sparlin said. "They looked around a bit, but I think they could have done it more thoroughly."

Patton refused to allow public safety personnel to respond to questions about the safety of the mall.

Chick-Fil-A assistant manager Chris Blanset also had several items stolen from his car at the mall on July 4.

During June and July, there were five break-ins at the food court, affecting Sbarro, Chick-Fil-A and McDonalds. Blanset said each of the break-ins occurred after the mall had closed, when public safety is the only presence at the mall.

"There is probably less security than people think," Blanset said. "Just with the amount of people there during the day, I think you're safe. The only danger is when only mall security is looking out for you. When closing, we make it a point to leave together. Especially if it's a girl, I'll walk her out to her car."

Patton has managed four malls, and said there are fewer instances of crime here than anywhere else he has worked.

"I managed a mall in Kansas City where there was more crime in a week than we see here in a year," he said.

An official with Valor Security, who wished to remain anonymous, said the function of public safety is to protect patrons in the common areas of the mall both inside and out. Deterring shoplifters is left mainly to each individual store.

Jared Delzell, loss prevention officer for J.C. Penney, said that preventing shoplifting is his primary concern.

"Of course if I see someone on our cameras being assaulted I'll do what I can to help," Delzell said.

"We are always looking at revising and updating procedures and policies," Patton said. "Particularly in this day and age, post Sept, 11, you can't expect procedures from 20 years ago to work today."

Mall management would not discuss any plans it may have to improve public safety facilities.

"We look at trends in the area, and we certainly don't want to wait until anything happens, however that decision is made by the client, who sends out auditors of its own," the official said. "All we could do is make a recommendation."

Not everyone at the mall is quick to criticize public safety. Alison Johnson, Missouri Southern alumna, has worked at the mall for almost two years.

Johnson says she has never had a problem with mall security.

"The only thing that drives me crazy is that security often locks the doors before the employees are able to leave," Johnson said.

Christine George, owner of Christine's Pewter, said she thinks public safety at the mall is good.

"They corral the kids here, which is something I really like," George said.

Editor's Column

Low interest wastes student activity fee

Jerry Manter
Editor-in-Chief

Don't worry.

I won't use this column space to stress how important it is to be involved with the University. I won't waste anyone's time.

I won't talk about how disappointing it is to see the turnout at Missouri Southern events.

I won't mention how our football stadium is usually full of Southern alumni and members of the Joplin community.

Ever wonder whom our cheerleaders are cheering to? Couldn't be hundreds of students. Oh wait; it's probably old man Hutchinson — class of 1958.

It's not just sports either. How many of you have heard about the MTV show "The Real World?"

Our Campus Activities Board members, bless their hearts, were able to nab one of the cast members from the Back to New York season.

When I listened to cast member Malik Cooper, I often thought about his national talk tour he was giving to college campuses around the country. I wanted to ask him whether or not he's given speeches to more than 12 students (roughly how many showed up at his talk in Webster Auditorium).

I won't write about how unfortunate it is.

Maybe I'm just blowing things out of proportion. I mean, maybe it's a good thing our biggest participation isn't the big game, or the award-winning speakers we often have on campus. Everyone knows what I'm talking about — it's those free picnics thrown a couple times a year.

I'm down with a free lunch. Who isn't?

But folks I think it's really embarrassing to see how quiet the gymnasium is when our men's and women's basketball programs hit the court.

I think it's horrible that Southern students care more about a tasteless burger and potato chips than showing school spirit.

We're a university now. Let's act like one and start showing up to events and make use of the $25 activity fee everyone pays.

There are a couple big events coming up. Looks like the Pittsburg State University football squad is heading on over for a little game known as the Miner's Bowl at Hughes Stadium.

Psst. For those who don't know, Hughes Stadium is that big building on the east side of campus that resembles a football stadium.

Jerry Manter is the Editor-in-Chief for The Chart. *His opinions are his own and don't necessarily reflect those of the entire staff.*

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY — JOPLIN

THE CHART

3950 E. Newman Road, Joplin, Mo. 64801-1595

JERRY MANTER **Editor-in-Chief**
JOSH RAY **Executive Editor**
MANDI STEELE **Managing Editor**
ANDY TEVIS **Director of Photography**
PHILIP MARTIN **Associate/Sports Editor**
MICHELLE CONTY **Coordinating Editor**
T.J. GERLACH **Public Forum Editor**
MELISSA DUNSON **Diversions Editor**
NATE BILLINGS **International Editor**
JESSICA MACINTOSH **Online Editor**
MATT COMER **Ad Rep Supervisor**
RHONDA CLARK **Publications Manager**
DR. CHAD STEBBINS **Adviser**

Editorial Staff Members: Jonathan BeVille, Melissa Blanchard, Anjulie Bobo, Jeremiah Cook, Landon Fry, Russ Hagerman, David Haut, Nancy Hight-Morris, Alice Hossain, A.D. Hoyt, Jerry Jones, Naoko Onoda, Patti Richardson, Russ Roper, Matthew Schell, Bill Shepherd, Tara Walker.

Advertising Staff: Brian Huntley, Desara Short, Jacob West.

The Chart, the newspaper of Missouri Southern State University — Joplin, is published weekly, except during holidays and examination periods, from August through May by students in communications as a laboratory experience. Views expressed do not represent the opinions of the administration, faculty or the student body.

Letters to the Editor Policy

Letters to the editor must be signed originals and include the writer's address and phone number for verification. Letters should not exceed 300 words. *The Chart* reserves the right to edit or refuse letters on the basis of length, clarity, accuracy and liability. Letters will be chosen for publication by *The Chart* editors according to space considerations.

Jerry Jones is the staff cartoonist for The Chart. *His opinions are his own and don't necessarily reflect those of the entire staff.*

New name deserves respect

Chart Opinion

As the fall semester is now in full swing, students and faculty need to realize the importance of the academic school year.

We are now Missouri Southern State University — Joplin. True, it's just a name, but with this name brings more programs, more prestige and more respect to this solid institution. Students have said that it doesn't matter nor do they care about the name. But they should. Administrators went far and beyond to see this happen.

Dr. Julio León needs to be credited with a job well done for seeing this name change succeed. He's been working on it for several years.

The new name will give Joplin a big boost in credibility. Joplin isn't known for much around the region, but through time, MSSU will bring Joplin a little more respect.

Students need to realize the opportunity they have as well. The word "university" goes a long way on a degree and on the all-so-important resumé.

Freshmen might not think much of it now, but come graduation, they will be glad they are leaving with a four-year degree from a credible university.

Although Missouri Southern could have always remained MSSC, administrators knew it was time. It was time to drop this misconception of being a two-year community college and look toward the future.

And as for as the future, let's hope this name stands for a while. We've gone from Joplin Junior College to Missouri Southern State College and now Missouri Southern State University.

It's time for a break from this name-change game.

Campus Voice

BY NANCY HIGHT-MORRIS

What do you think about the name change?

"I am still undecided on the name change because of not knowing what degrees will be offered. But it's a step in the right direction."

Jacquie Clark
Freshman
Business
Major

"The name change is good for looks, but right now it has not changed the educational experience at Southern."

Marjorie Dudley
Senior
Elementary Education
Major

"Unfortunately, all my MSSC paraphernalia is outdated now. But I'm excited to be at a university."

Rachel Mastin
Junior
Theatre
Major

"Being at a university is good, but when I start having kids and tell them it was a college when I went there, I'm going to feel old."

Theresa Rousselot
Junior
Theatre
Major

"If we concentrated more on our goals and education, I'd be more enthusiastic about the name change."

Matthew Sikes
Junior
History
Major

Letters

Globe article gives 'biased' report of MSSU name change

After reading Sunday, July 13's article "MSSC turns into MSSU" in the [*Joplin*] *Globe*, I was very upset on the unscrupulous way it was written.

As a student attending MSSU and one who is very proud and excited about this change, I found the reporting shallow, misleading and crowded.

The article shows Gov. Bob Holden signing the legislation, but the article somehow changes into a bias political matter, cheapening the importance this change has on our community.

The author intends the reader to believe the only reason it was passed is because of a Republican majority. Every representative the author mentioned is referred to by their title and is a Republican, as if no Democrats had anything to do with the passing of this change. Gov. Holden is not mentioned one time by his proper title (just Holden) except in the picture and one other time, and the fact that he is a Democrat completely escapes the article.

Not only is Gov. Holden attacked with biased reporting, the article is crowded and shared by a completely different event of another bill. Although an important bill, it took away from the story of a historical changing of MSSC into a university. The highway bill should have had its own column thereby giving both stories their deserving respect. Instead the author used the article to circumvent his political ideology.

It is clear the *Joplin Globe* used this event to exploit a republican majority view instead of concentrating on the historical and future importance of a university in our area. This is not honorable or proper reporting, and the slant the reporter used is nothing more than a shameless ploy to entrench a biased view in the minds of the public. Shame on You!

Randall Kessinger
Junior
Sociology Major

CAB prepares for 'exciting' fall semester

Well, it's officially fall with new classes and some new and some familiar faces.

First, I would like to welcome the newcomers to Southern and welcome back the returning students.

This letter is to outline some goals for the Campus Activity Board and to extend a hand to all MSSU students. We are planning an exciting and event-filled fall. Our goals for the semester are the following:

1. to offer entertainment (speakers, music, movies etc...) to all MSSU students;
2. to keep bringing new ideas to the table for the ever-changing student body;
3. to continue to provide diverse and fun activities for all MSSU students; and
4. to provide an open forum for the exchange of ideas that is open to all students.

Many of these goals have already been reached for the upcoming semester. Chief Picciotto of the NYC Fire Department, who was involved with the 9/11 terrorist attacks, is set to speak at 7 p.m. on Sept. 10 in the Leggett & Platt Center.

Everything from tailgating to movie nights, CAB will have events at least once a month.

All students are welcome and encouraged to attend CAB meetings, which will be held at 2 p.m. every Wednesday in the BSC second Floor Lounge starting on Sept. 3. CAB appreciates all input and ideas.

If the meetings are not a great time for you, please check out our Web site, www.mssu.edu/cab, for surveys for upcoming events and to add some of your own ideas, or give us a call at 625-9346.

Thank you for your time.

Megan Dutch Kelley
Junior
Political Science Major

Viewpoint of Cuba

Semester program enhances international focus

BY ALICE HOSSAIN
Staff Writer

Cuba is one of the world's last bastions of communism and just a 45-minute flight from Miami.

The Cuba Semester program was composed to gain an insight into Cuban politics, economics and the expressive Cuban lifestyle.

Baseball is a prominent link between Cuba and the United States.

Dr. Milton Jamal has published more than 200 articles on baseball since 1989. His talk, "Cubans and U.S. Professional Baseball, 1871 to 2003: From Esteban Bellan to Jose Contreras," will focus on Cuban baseball history.

Dr. Larry Cebula, associate professor of history, traveled to Cuba between the fall and spring semesters of 2002 and 2003. He is looking forward to the Gockel International Symposium.

"This and the Venezuela art performance are my personal highlights," Cebula said.

Cebula is also looking forward to the Cuba film festival.

"As many people have never seen a Cuban film, I recommend going to the Cuban film festival, too," he said.

The Gockel International Symposium includes two speeches on the topic "Cuba after Castro."

The first speech will be given by Dr. Alberto R. Coll, senior fellow at the Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy in Newport, RI.

Two speeches will be given by Dr. Coll at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 in Taylor Performing Arts Center and 7 p.m. in Webster Hall Auditorium.

Dr. Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado, assistant professor of political science at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 in Webster Hall Auditorium. Admission is free.

The classic films *Buena Vista Social Club* and *Son Sabroson- Antesala de la Salsa* examine the Cuban lifestyle.

The Cuban band Quimbombo performs dance music mixing salsa, blues and jazz.

Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies, is a member of the Cuba Semester planning committee.

"Different topics appeal to different people," Stebbins said. "One member of our planning committee, Dr. Bill Kumbier, from the English department, has a keen interest in poetry. That is why he recommended one speaker, Dr. Ruth Behar, from the University of Michigan."

Behar, a bilingual poet and filmmaker, was the recipient of a MacArthur genius grant in 1988 and a Guggenheim award in 1995.

The MacArthur Fellows Program recognizes talented individuals who demonstrate high levels of originality and dedication in their fields.

Behar will conduct a film screening and discussion of *Adio Kerida/Goodbye Dear Love*.

"I want the auditoriums to be full of people," Stebbins said, "plenty of questions being asked and discussions being stimulated. I encourage professors to bring their classes to the events. I hope every instructor would make an effort to incorporate some aspects of Cuba into every particular course."

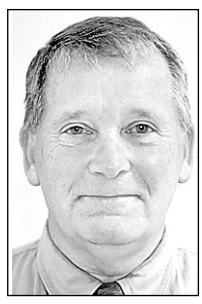
The Cuba Semester
Cuba Night
Sept. 11, 7 p.m.
Spiva Art Gallery
Balsero Dreams: Riff Blues on Immigration
Sept. 12, 9 a.m.
Webster hall Auditorium
Cuban Citizenship Education: Democracy, Politization and Socialization
Sept. 19, 9 a.m.
Taylor Hall Room 113
Vocational Training in Cuba: A Visit to the Pioneer Interest Circles
Sept. 19, 10 a.m.
Taylor Hall Room 113
Cuba's 'School to the Countryside' Program: Cultivating a Proper Consciousness Toward Work
Sept. 19, 11 a.m.
Taylor Hall Room 113
CUBA

New director ponders future IEP potential

BY ANJULIE BOBO
Staff Writer

With the growth in the number of international students through Missouri Southern's international mission, there was a need within the University for a department which specialized in the teaching of English as a second language.

"We needed a program to help students with their English skills, and thus the Intensive English Program (IEP) was established four years ago to meet the needs of the students coming here under exchange agreements," said Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies.



William Trudeau
IEP Director

The IEP began as a part of the communications department.

As it grew, it became part of the Institute of International Studies.

Along with these changes, the IEP has a new director, William Trudeau.

Trudeau has taught throughout the world, including Alaska, Russia and Turkey.

He specializes in teaching English as a second language.

"I think this is a program that can grow," Trudeau said.

"My sense of it, in coming here, as I looked at the resources, where it was in the Institute of International Studies, I think this is a program that can grow and mature, and I am excited about that. I think the international mission of the University is like fertilizer to the growth. Students will come here because of that international mission."

The IEP was started in 1999 to help further the opportunities for international students at Southern.

The IEP gives students from across the globe the opportunity to come to America and be immersed in the English language.

It also allows for the students to show their cultures to the students here.

Students from China, Taiwan, Japan, Chile, Germany, France, Peru and Mexico have all come to Southern with the goal of learning English.

The IEP consists of four basic classes in intermediate or advanced levels. The classes are grammar, listening and speaking, writing and composition and a class in American culture.

The IEP not only affects those students who come here to study English, but it also affects the international mission of the University.

"I think we help the international mission in two ways," Trudeau said.

"The first way is we help introduce American culture to students from other countries, and a part of the international mission is for American students to learn about other cultures.

"The other half is for us to teach about who we are to those same other cultures, and the IEP is a really important implement in doing that.

"Secondly, having someone from another culture here to talk with and discuss with gives the students a window into that culture that you can't get from a class or even a semester theme."

Through the IEP, many students have and will have a chance of learning English and coming to America.

"It is a component of the international mission," Stebbins said.

"In the future, we will be adding more and more exchange agreements and will have an increased number of exchange students coming here."

He said by expanding the IEP, other programs will continue to grow and broaden the horizons of the international students and the international mission here at Southern.

Students experience summer classes abroad

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

Studying abroad is the focus of many departments on campus.

Over the summer, various groups went to England, Cuba, Russia and Spain.

The education department went to Italy to compare the educational system of Italy to those in the United States.

"Their schools have the strongest and best approach to dealing with special needs children," said Dr. Vikki Spencer, associate professor of teacher education.

The group traveled to three cities in Italy including Rome, Pompeii and Florence.

In Rome, the schools have playground areas on the roofs of the buildings.

The elementary school they visited was located near the Pantheon.

"It was the most beautiful thing, just amazing, that's what they live with," Spencer said.

The education students had to go into the schools and teach the Italian children about Missouri Southern and Southwest Missouri.

One difference between the Italian school system and the American system is that the students in Italy are taught one foreign language in second grade and another language later.

Spencer said that soon the American school systems will try this method of teaching languages to students.

Nicole Fick, senior special education major, said the experience made her more aware of the international aspect of the education system.

Students were also allowed to go to the beach along the shores of Lake Como for the last few days of the trip.

"It was a relaxing way to end the trip," said Bethany Ewing, senior elementary education major.

The students saw sites such as the Leaning Tower and Pompeii before coming home.

"I'd encourage anybody that can go to go," Fick said.

Special to the Chart

After several days in the classroom, the education department stops to rest and enjoy Pompeii.

The biology department took 11 students to Costa Rica.

The students received five credit hours for Biology 101 and Kinesiology 101. It was the only trip during the summer that allowed the students to receive core curriculum credit for traveling abroad.

"Everybody has to have these (classes). To take it down there, makes it go down easier," said Dr. Dorothy Bay, associate professor of biology.

Bay said the students were in classrooms for three days and went on fieldtrips each Thursday.

"Any concept we are teaching, we can go outdoors and there it is illustrated," Bay said.

"At any moment, one good example will show up."

On Saturdays and Sundays the group went hiking for the kinesiology aspect of the trip.

Bay said the group went to sites such as the House of the Dreamer and a church built in 1633.

She said the House of the Dreamer was a house completely carved by hand.

Next year, the education department plans to go to Glasgow, Scotland and the biology department plans to return to Costa Rica.

usbank
Five Star Service Guaranteed
Member FDIC
Northpark Banking Center
105 N. Range Line, Joplin
417-623-5677
www.usbank.com
Don't forget about our student services!
Comprehensive Solutions for MSSU Employees
U.S. Bank Workplace Checking
* No Monthly Maintenance Fees
* No Minimum Balance Requirement
* FREE Internet Banking
* Unlimited Check Writing
* 1% Discount on an Installment Loan with Auto Pay**
* 10% Off a Home Loan Origination Fee up to $150 with Auto Pay**
** Subject to Credit Approval

Looking for Fun?
Sell ads for The Chart
Call 625-9789

Hot pizza at 10 p.m. Cold pizza at 7 a.m.
Welcome to college life.
MEDIUM $5.99 ONE TOPPING | LARGE $6.99 ONE TOPPING
WITH YOUR STUDENT ID
Campus Delivery 782-7878
or visit one of our dine-in locations
Pizza Hut
© 2003 Pizza Hut, Inc.
RV0695_CHART
Offer available through 5/31/04. Delivery where available. Delivery charges may apply. At participating Pizza Hut locations.

Diversions

Summer Sequel Review

It's been a summer of sequels.

Apparently every original idea has already been used and we are now in the process of recycling. The original is almost always better, so sequels are generally a bad idea.

Here's a sprinkling of the summer's not so rotten follow-ups.

The Matrix : Reloaded

The original *Matrix*, with its state of the art special effects and revolutionary gothic setting is a hard act to follow, but the sequel does its best.

The plot picks up after Neo rescues Morpheus and discovers his powers to control the matrix. The machines are determined to dig to the center of the earth and destroy the last human city, Zion. The ever monotone Mr. Smith and several hundred clones of himself are out to screw the world forcing Neo to once again embark on a journey of self-discovery to save all of mankind.

Add to the mix a massive rave that gets a little nasty and an extended sexual encounter between Trinity and Neo that is five minutes too long and you have the second installment in the trilogy. The special effects are still dazzling though slightly jaded by all of the copycat films.

The film left me satisfied, but feeling like I had seen it somewhere before. I can't wait for the next one.

Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life

This film is infinitely better than the original. The half-naked, seductive Croft is replaced with a more intelligent, sensitive heroine with more depth than just her bra.

The story is out there, which is OK because it is based on a video game. An orb that is the map and key to Pandora's box is stolen by a mad scientist who wants to sell it as a biological weapon to the highest bidder.

Croft risks all to save the world from destruction and faces everything from Chinese gangs to African shadow monsters.

She is joined in her escapade by convicted criminal ex-boyfriend (she knows how to pick them) chosen for the role on the merit of his chiseled pecs more than his acting.

This is proven by his one page of dialogue and hour worth of pouting lips.

When all is said and done, this movie accomplished what it set out to do: entertain you for two hours.

X2: X-Men United

I thoroughly enjoyed this movie. I went to the midnight opening and watched it with all of the freaks and geeks. I halfway expected the audience to start demonstrating their mutant powers in the middle of the film. The action and storyline in this sequel were better than the original. An evil senator attacks Professor Xavier's school and launches a campaign to exterminate all mutants. This forces the good and evil mutants to "unite" in their common goal for survival. We are revisited by all of the favorite X-men and throughout the movie a constant stream of miscellaneous marvel comics mutants make cameos. While flowing perfectly from the first movie, the sequel is enjoyable and understandable, completely independent of the original.

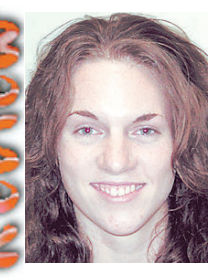
Bad Boyz II

Take Martin Lawrence's stand up comedy and mix it with Will Smith's attitude and how could you not have a hit? This sequel had such a good plot that the two hours and forty minutes were almost bearable.

Lawrence and Smith team up again to take down a Cuban drug lord shipping ecstasy into the United States.

In the process, Lawrence's sister is kidnapped and they stage an all out war on the Cuban's compound. Drugs, car chases, rocket launchers, strippers and cash (this movie had it all). It goes beyond the over-the-counter action comedy and is intelligently hilarious and sensitive without being sappy.

Some of the other sequels this summer included *Charlie's Angels Full Throttle*, *Legally Blonde 2: Red, White, and Blonde*, *Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over*, *2 Fast 2 Furious*, *Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines* and *Jeepers Creepers 2*. This influx of stale material was most evident in the opening weekend of *Freddy vs. Jason*. It was the box office hit and made a total of only $13 million.



In Review

Melissa Dunson
Diversions Editor

The film industry hasn't taken enough of a beating and will soon be releasing *Scary Movie 3*. God help us.

Cuban photo exhibit, "City on the Edge of Forever" examines the realities of everyday life.

Andy Tevis/
The Chart

Exhibit reveals harsh truth of Cuba life

By Landon Fry
Staff Writer

Exotic locals and elaborate hotels are common sights for tourists in Cuba, but a stark contrast is also present.

Both the beauty and the poverty of Cuba can be seen at the photography exhibit in the Spiva Art Gallery until Sept. 19.

The showing, a collection of photos taken in Cuba the past seven years, marked the start of the Cuba Semester. The exhibit features Mary Crabb's City on the Edge of Forever, Havana 1998 collection.

Contributed were 63 photos by faculty and students from Missouri Southern; Crabb, an anthropology professor from the University of Oklahoma; John Sleezer, a photographer from the *Kansas City Star*; and Dr. John Couper from Pittsburg State University.

This type of showing is something David Locher, associate professor of sociology and contributor to the exhibit, thinks is important to any international semester.

"It's good to give some sort of idea of what the place is like visually," he said. "People are very visual, and so seeing photographs, I think, works better than hearing descriptions or reading about a place."

People are always interested in photography exhibits, according to Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies. He said while other showings may include pieces too abstract for some, most photos have an appeal to all. Still, everybody will have his or her own preference.

"For me, it's interesting to compare the black and white photos with the color ones," Stebbins said. "You look at the black and white photos and they're quite striking, and then some of the color photos, too, are fabulous with their use of shadows and light."

Having so many photographers participating gives viewers a range of perspectives to see Cuba from, Locher said.

"I think if you really wanted to, you could spend a long time in Cuba taking photographs only of what you wanted to see," Locher said.

One could also take pictures of people living in abject poverty, he said.

He took two trips to Cuba, one over winter break and one over spring break. He saw buildings that had crumbled since his first visit.

Seeing the poverty in these photographs has changed some viewers' perspectives of Cuba, Stebbins said.

"I've heard people say, 'Well I wouldn't want to live in Cuba. Look at the conditions. Look how the buildings are deteriorating. Look how crowded the buses are.' It's just given an appreciation for what the Cuban population is having to endure on a daily basis."

Locher thinks that many people's perceptions of poverty in Cuba are inaccurate.

"When you say that people are poor in Cuba, people who haven't been to Cuba will say, 'Well but people are poor in the United States, people are poor in Mexico,' but what they don't understand is that the poor people in Cuba have professional degrees and good jobs. I mean, they're doctors and engineers and attorneys and they're so poor that they can only afford a pair of pants."

The photograph of a broken down, baby blue Cadillac with a man under it had a particular effect on Locher.

"For me it was a metaphor for Cuba as a whole," Locher said. "When it was new, it was this absolute symbol of American decadence and capitalism. It was a Cadillac, a '52 or '53 Cadillac and in the fifty years since then it has sort of crumbled and fallen apart and then been painted over 12 times with house paint ten different colors and that sort of thing.

Now it isn't working, and they're trying to keep it going. I think in all seriousness that's kind of the whole story of the Cuban people, there they're still trying to keep things going in spite of the fact that everything is wearing out around them."

9/11 firefighter comes to campus thanks to CAB

Melissa Dunson
Diversions Editor

Trapped in the rubble of the Twin Towers on Sept. 11, 2001, New York Fire Department Battalion Commander, Richard "Pitch" Picciotto lay for four hours before being rescued.

The highest-ranking firefighter to survive the World Trade Center collapse and the last fireman to escape the devastation, Picciotto was on the stairwell between the sixth and seventh floors of the North Tower when it collapsed. After the other firemen and rescue workers had evacuated, he stayed behind with a skeleton crew to help disabled and infirm civilians escape.

At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Piccioto will bring his tale of heroism and self-sacrifice to Missouri Southern's campus. His presentation will be based on his *New York Times* best-selling book, *Last Man Down* that recounts that harrowing day. The book is considered a tribute to the 343 firefighters and 2,400 civilians who died in the attack.

The Campus Activities Board is responsible for bringing Piccioto to campus. The visit will cost CAB $11,500 for the hour and a half presentation.

CAB had also considered bringing in Helen Thomas, senior White House correspondent for United Press International and one of the first women to sit on the White House Press Corps. Thomas was going to cost the University between $10,000 and $12,000.

Julie Blackford, director of student activities, thinks CAB made the right choice in bringing Picciotto to campus.

"We did a survey, and the students were more interested in hearing Chief Picciotto speak," Blackford said. "Some people were upset by the switch. But Helen Thomas was never finalized, and we may see about bringing her in next year."

Blackford and the other members of CAB think that Picciotto's mass appeal will create good press for the University and CAB.

"Everybody has a connection to him," said Carla Fairbanks, resident director of McCormick Hall.

"How many historic events can we honestly say we've lived through?" said Dutch Kelly, political science major. "Sept. 11, tops most of our lists."

More than an interesting story, Picciotto is a part of this generation's history, she said. Southern is inviting the area's firefighters, ambulance and rescue workers to the event as a way to show the University's appreciation for what they do.

A "meet and greet" will follow the presentation, during which Picciotto will sign copies of his book.

Blackford thinks the timing of the event will add to its appeal.

"We would be lucky to have him come speak at our school anytime, but on September 10 is amazing," she said. "We're really excited to have him here and I think it will be very powerful."

The event is free to both students and the public.

Check out the Cuban art exhibit "The City on the Edge of Forever" for black and white and color photos by Mary Crabb and Southern students.

Nancy Hight-Morris/The Chart

Students enjoy free food and products at the fall forward business expo as a part of Southern's Welcome Week activities.

Welcome week scores high with students

BY RUSS ROPER
Staff Writer

The campus came alive with activity as students and faculty returned to begin classes last week.

For many on campus, this can be a stressful time, especially for those arriving for the first time. To make the transition to college life a little smoother, campus groups developed "Welcome Week." Day and evening activities gave students a moment to relax and unwind with opportunities to meet new people.

Working together, the Campus Activities Board, Student Activities, Student Support Center, Campus Recreation, the Residence Hall Association and the Student Life Center were able, after long hours and hard work, to develop a wide variety of activities for students to attend.

Campus Crawl was the first event. Sunday, Aug. 24 gave those attending an opportunity to tour the campus, socialize and enjoy themselves. During the event, an estimated 500 T-shirts were given out, said Julie Blackford, director of

Student Activities.

On the first day of classes, Aug. 25, the oval was the site of the all-campus picnic. The outdoor festival of food and music was said to have served some 1,700 people, an increase of 500 from the previous year.

"I hope it's because students are getting used to participating," Blackford said.

Even though there was lightning and the threat of rain, it did not deter moviegoers on Aug. 26 from watching the outdoor movie. The outdoor movie was *Bringing Down the House*, starring Steve Martin and Queen Latifah. People first began arriving shortly before 8 p.m. With blankets and lawn chairs, those attending enjoyed refreshments and fresh air on the residence hall lawns.

The oval once again bustled with activity on Aug. 27. Fall Forward drew many local businesses to campus to display their products.

"This was my favorite because of the free pizza," said James Shuls, senior elementary education major.

Students were able to sample food from Papa Johns, Eureka Pizza and Sonic. *The Joplin Globe* was on hand with newspapers and subscription discounts. Other local businesses were also present, such as ATT Wireless, Forest Park Baptist Church and the U.S. Army Recruiters.

Survivor Night, held on the evening of Aug. 28, at the residence halls was another social affair. The night was filled with conversation and laughter, some even chose to dance to the music provided by the DJ. Food and drinks were provided for those attending, along with various activities.

"I think these events help people unwind after classes," said Andrew Doennig, sophomore criminal justice major.

Events available at Survivor Night were open to everyone. These events included a Rock wall, to simulate mountain climbing, a capture the flag course and a jousting area. Also available for those attending was the Chiefs vs. Rams football game projected onto a big screen.

"It's a good way to meet new people," said Chris Kimes, sophomore criminal justice major.

Rounding out the week, the Fall Frenzy was moved indoors due to rain. The event was held in the lobby area of Billingsly. Organizations were situated in the shape of a horseshoe, which allowed visitors to view booths easily on both sides of the aisle. The clubs displayed information and informed students of their organization's mission and purpose on campus. Those present ranged from sororities, fraternities, religious clubs, student assistance groups and political groups. There was also a new organization introduced called Gang Green, which Blackford said "will promote support for Southern's various athletic teams."

Jeannie Archie, senior and sociology major, worked in the Student Senate booth during Fall Frenzy.

"This was the best one ever," she said. "They did a great job."

"I understand that some students were in class during the events, and we're trying to accommodate everyone," Blackford said. "Plans are being made to accommodate more students, both traditional and non-rational."

She said one example will be the family night event scheduled for November.

Epidemic of spirit infects campus

BY DAVID HAUT
Staff Writer

It's infectious.

What began as a Campus Activities Board meeting proposal has now become a full-fledged club, and it's spreading all over campus.

"We wanted to address the issue of school spirit," said Julie Blackford, director of Student Activities. "Southern has been lacking in the past."

"We want to increase student involvement," said Adam Griffin, resident director. "Some people want to come [to sporting events] but don't because no one else does. We want students to get the most out of their college years. Sports are a part of that."

Strong student following has led to the creation of Gang Green, a student club dedicated to school spirit. Any Southern student can join for the cost of $25.

"We'll use every bit of the money," Griffin said. "The money is also a sense of ownership. People paid money to join, so they'll want to get everything out of it they can."

And they will. Members get a T-shirt, reserved seating at all home football and basketball games, free tailgating open exclusively to Gang Green members and spirit gear for use during the games.

However, it's not a strictly run club.

"We want everybody to have fun," Blackford said. "We want them to paint their faces, get crazy. We're there in case things get out of hand."

"The only thing we want to prevent from happening is the use of profanity," Griffin said.

In addition to increasing student awareness at football and basketball games, Blackford and Griffin hope to increase student involvement at all of Southern's sporting events.

"We want people to go to the soccer games, the baseball games, the softball games," Griffin said. "We're not restricted to football and basketball."

Gang Green's membership currently has over fifty students, but Griffin and Blackford hope to have 75 this year.

"We're hoping this is the spark that gets people going," Blackford said.

"We hope it snowballs."

Students interested in joining are encouraged to do so. Any Southern student can register at the Student Activities Office or during the all-campus tailgate at Southern's first home football game.

CAB
Campus Activities Board

Student group seeks green, gold essence

BY MELISSA DUNSON
Diversions Editor

The Campus Activities Board wants to see more green and gold at the football games this semester. All of CAB's planned activities for the next year focus on increasing Missouri Southern's school spirit.

The new club Gang Green was the main topic of the semester's first CAB meeting. Julie Blackford, director of student activities, estimates that between 50 and 60 students have signed up for the new club that is described as a "giant pep club." CAB has plans for everything from free tailgates to T-shirts to boost school spirit through Gang Green.

Time was also devoted to New York Fire Department Battalion Commander Richard Picciotto's presentation scheduled for Wednesday. Final arrangements were made for his transportation and accommodations while in Joplin.Planning was discussed for Natural High Week scheduled for September 12 –20. Another installment of the student organization's "Fall Forward" expo is scheduled for Sept. 17, because the original was moved indoors due to rain.

The group discussed what kind of CAB products to hand out during campus events like T-shirts, radios and hand held misters.

Members present voiced their approval of separating the student organization expo from the area business expo because it allowed for a larger amount of student traffic for each event.

Other upcoming events were discussed including a karaoke night serving virgin pina coladas and daiquiris, and Homecoming 2003.

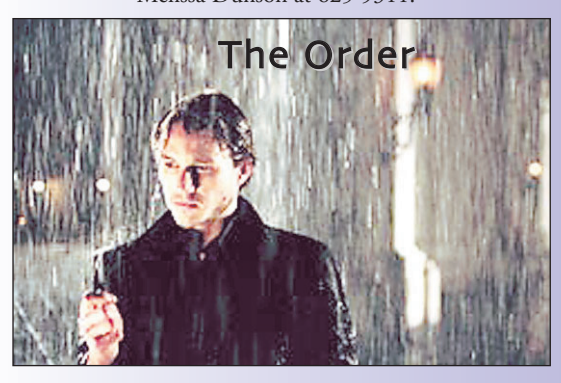
The Homecoming theme this year is "The Southern Stampede." Some of the suggested activities were giant trampolines, a Velcro wall, human bowling, and giant tricycles.

Halloween events were briefly discussed. A scary movie night is in the works as well as a pumpkin carving contest and a costume contest.

The next CAB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Melissa Dunson at 625-9311.



5

The Order and *Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star* open at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

FREE Webb City Mining Days @ 7 p.m.- Bluegrass featuring The Workmen.

The Greater Ozarks Blues Festival in Springfield @ 5:30 p.m.

Foxtown City Limits Local Band Showcase-featuring Far From Yesterday, Signal 3 and Gateway Sticks 8 a.m.- noon.

"Barefoot in the Park" debuts at Stone Throw Dinner Theatre in Carthage @ 6 p.m.

Cuban Baseball: From Rebel Game to Revolutionary Baseball in Webster Hall Auditorium @ 10 a.m.

6

KA Paintball meet @ Blaine Hall @ 10 a.m.

FREE Webb City Mining Days @ 7 p.m.-Bluegrass featuring Green Valley Grass, Brightwater Junction, Kentucky 31, Coody's Bluff and Stonebrook.

Greater Ozarks Blues Festival in Springfield.

Experimental Multimedia Event @ Club Cesspool 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Tenfest with Jenkins Dirt @ Foxtown City Limits-10 bands for 10 bucks.

7

Karaoke @ Murphy's (call for time).

8

KA Bowling Night, meet @ Blaine Hall @ 8:30 p.m.

BSU Joy Explosion @ 7 p.m.

9

KA Game Night @ The Student Life Center @ 7 p.m.

IM Flag Football Deadline

Krazy Karaoke @ The Green Room @ 10 p.m.

10

Bill's Band playing @ Green Room @ 10 p.m.

BSU Lunch-n-Counter @ Noon.

CAB meeting second floor of Billingsley @ 2:30 p.m.

11

"Cuban Night" poetry reading at Spiva Art Gallery @ 7 p.m.

Champ's Bar and Grill Krazy Karaoke @ 9:30 p.m.

WEEKEND HAPPENINGS:

Kitchen Pass::
Friday: Jenkins Dirt
Dakota Blue Live 9:30 p.m.
Happy Hour 4-9 p.m.
Saturday: Dakota Blue 4-9 p.m.
Happy Hour 4-9 p.m.

Champs::
Friday: Ryan Butler 9 p.m.
Happy Hour 4-7 p.m.
Saturday: Pinewood Derby 9 p.m.
Happy Hour 4-7 p.m.

Green Room::
Friday: Brutally Frank 10 p.m.
Happy Hour 4:30-10 p.m.
Saturday: Gorilla Wrench 10 p.m.
Happy Hour 4:30-10 p.m.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

St. John's providing bone density screenings

St. John's Health Connection will provide free bone density screenings on Friday, Sept. 12 from noon-4 p.m. in the health conference room.

The test is performed on bare feet.

Health Connection is located in Northpark Mall at 101 N. Range Line Rd., directly inside the main entrance.

Registration is required for the test. For more information or to make reservations, persons may call 625-2000.

Safe Kids sponsoring free car seat check

Safe Kids and Children's Miracle Network report that four out of five car seats are installed incorrectly.

The Safe Kids Coalition is sponsoring a free car seat check point at Roper Pontiac located at 808 Illinois in Joplin.

The car seat check will be held from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

For more information, persons may call Children's Miracle Network and Safe Kids at 347-6639.

Engineering company outgrows building

The four-story building at the southwest corner of Seventh and Main Streets is being converted into office space.

Several employees of Tri-State Engineering Inc. purchased the building.

The engineering company and its 40 employees outgrew their existing building at 1102 W. Ninth St.

The group is hiring an architect, and it hopes to have the renovation complete within a year. The renovation could come to $250,000.

The building was formerly the Joplin Furniture Company.

Cade Beckner, age 2 of Webb City, plays on a mechanical ride at Chuck E. Cheese's in Joplin.

Naoko Onoda/The Chart

Pizza parlor offers 'place for fun'

BY JONATHAN BEVILLE
Staff Writer

Usually, rodents in a restaurant are a health concern.

However, when a mouse walks out of a kitchen carrying a pizza in one arm and embracing smiling children in the other, it means that Joplin area families have a new place to play. Chuck E. Cheese's pizza restaurant and arcade has moved into Northpark Mall.

"Business has overwhelmingly exceeded our expectations," said assistant manager Michael Tibbits, who transferred from the Wichita store. "We've done about three times what we expected since opening."

Since opening July 23, the new location has ranked fourth in sales in a region with more than 70 locations.

Tibbits said the degree of the new restaurant's immediate success surprised everyone in the company.

"The company president, Dick Frank, even came here," Tibbits said. "I've worked for the company for more than a year and a half, and this was the first time I met him."

Joplin is no stranger to restaurants that mix family dining and games. Showbiz Pizza had a location in Joplin, which closed in the late 1980s after the company merged with CEC Entertainment. CEC Entertainment, based in Irving, Texas, is the parent company of Chuck E. Cheese's. Tarzan's Pizza, formerly located on Seventh Street at the present location of My Club, closed after a fire.

Tibbits said research done by the company indicated a demand for a location in Joplin.

CEC Entertainment communication coordinator Brenda Holloway said the company begins the process of opening a new location by reviewing the zip codes from which their business comes. Chuck E. Cheese's customers are asked to provide their zip codes when ordering a pizza.

Tibbits said Joplin area zip codes come up frequently at neighboring locations in Tulsa, Fayetteville, Wichita and Springfield.

While Tibbits admits the loss of Joplin area customers may adversely affect locations in surrounding cities to a slight extent, CEC Entertainment is posting profits on the New York Stock Exchange, where it trades under the symbol CEC. In a report issued July 15, CEC Entertainment announced second quarter earnings of $142.4 million, more than $16 million higher than earnings the previous year.

Dr. Richard Rawlins, chairman of the finance and economics department at Missouri Southern, said this growth is in line with national trends.

"Restaurants really got hurt after Sept. 11," Rawlins said. "Whenever a recession hits, people eat out less. As people become more confident, they eat out more, which is what we are starting to see now."

Holloway explained what she said is the key to the company's success.

"Kids love us, and kids love Chucky," Holloway said. "That's our big push, good wholesome family fun."

Chuck E. Cheese's is not the only place to play games at the mall. Tilt Arcade, owned by Nickels and Dimes Inc, has been at the mall for more than five years. Despite the location's success thus far, Tibbits does not believe that Chuck E. Cheese's will put the neighboring arcade out of business.

"We will hurt their business though," Tibbits said. "They don't have nearly as many games for young children as we do, and all of our games cost one token. There are a lot of games at Tilt that cost two, three and sometimes four tokens."

Kevin Jordan, senior vice president for operations of Nickels and Dimes, declined to comment on the matter.

Chuck E. Cheese's employs approximately 40 people evenly split between full and part time. Chuck E. Cheese's opened in San Jose, Calif. in May 1977. The company now has more than 450 locations in 47 states.

MOVIE LISTINGS

www.thechartonline.com

Food, Fun & Fellowship

JOIN US AT OUR PARISH MISSION
SEPT. 7, 8, 9 & 10 7-9 PM

- BE A PART OF A GREAT FAITH COMMUNITY
- SHARE YOUR FAITH, HOPES & PRAYERS WITH US
- ENLIVEN YOUR FAITH & RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
- FROM SMALL GROUPS COMES LARGE FAITH
- INTERESTED? CALL 623-3333 FOR DETAILS

RENEW
Spiritual Renewal for the 21st Century
RENEW International

St. Mary's Catholic Church
2415 S. Moffet Ave.

Griffin steps in as replacement

BY MICHELLE CONTY
Coordinating Editor

Since Dr. Larry Martin retired after 38 years of service, there has been a hole in Missouri Southern's administration.

Dr. Betsy Griffin, assistant vice president for academic affairs, has stepped up to fill the position as interim vice president until a replacement can be found.

Griffin was asked to hold the position by University President Julio León.

"I choose her because as assistant vice president, she was familiar with the operations of the office of vice president."

"We are going to initiate a nationwide search, beginning sometime soon," he said.

Griffin has been with Southern for 25 years. During that time, she has served on numerous committees and served as head of the psychology department.

"I was aware of most of his (Martin's) projects, so it just made sense," Griffin said.

She is welcome to apply for the position full time but has not made any decisions yet.

"We haven't started advertising for the position yet," she said. "I won't be making any firm decisions right away; I will wait until we move a little further into the year."

Griffin will hold the interim position for one year.

"The idea is to start the search with plenty of time so a person can be on board next fall," León said.

While Griffin is holding the vice president role, Dr. Beverly Block, business professor, has the position of interim assistant vice president.

Griffin chose her with León's approval.

Block has been with Southern for 19 years.

"She is a good representative of both the school of business and the committees she has served on," Griffin said. "She is very knowledgeable and brings a broad range of experience to the position."

Block is keeping her position in the business department. Her duties have been divided among three instructors: Karen Bradshaw, Susan Koepke and Pam George.

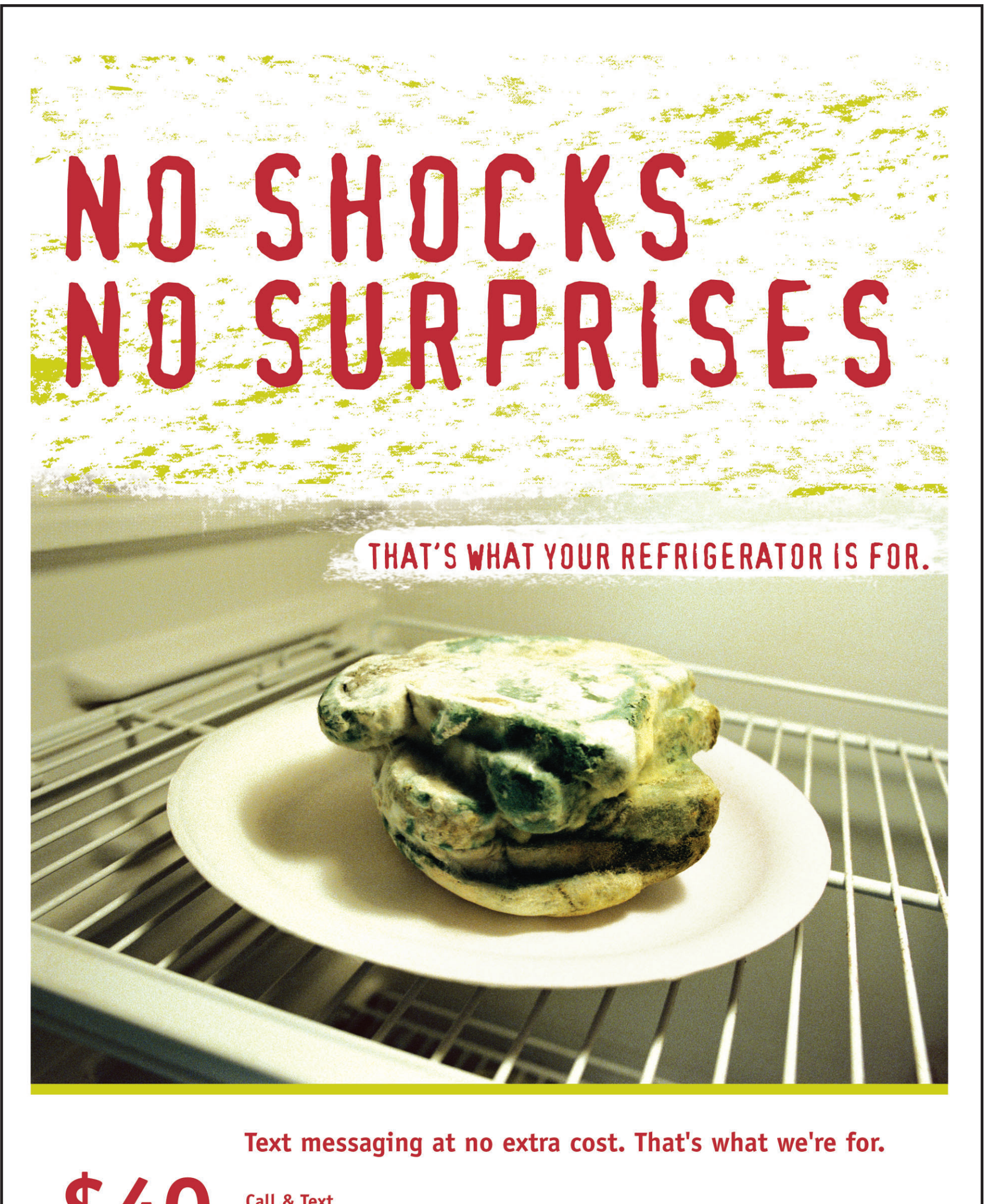
She will be continuing to supervise education students doing student teaching.

"I always think it is a good idea to see all sides of what you are working in," she said.

NICE WORK

Philip Martin/The Chart

Workers began installing the new turf July 30. The crew started with the 50-yard line and moved out from there, moving the turf by hand to position it correctly.



Text messaging at no extra cost. That's what we're for.

$40

Call & Text
• Free phone* NOKIA 3585
• 500 Anytime minutes
• 250 Text messages
• Voice mail
• Call waiting
• Caller ID
• Call forwarding
• Three-way calling
• Long Distance included

Plus, you pick one:
• Unlimited Nights and Weekends
• 1000 Mobile-to-Mobile minutes

U.S. Cellular

SIMPLICITY IS CALLING
1-888-BUY-USCC • GETUSC.COM

Offer expires Sept. 30, 2003

*After $30 mail-in rebate. Airtime and phone offers valid on two-year consumer service agreements of $40 and higher. Subject to eligibility requirements. Customer is responsible for all sales tax. Offers may expire if you change your calling plan. Night and weekend minutes are valid M-F 9pm to 5:59am and all day Saturday and Sunday. Night and weekend minutes are available in local calling area only. Roaming charges, fees, surcharges and taxes may apply including a Federal and Other Regulatory Fee charge of $.55. All service agreements subject to an early termination fee. Activation fee is $30. Equipment change fee of $15. Mobile Messaging requires a digital phone and service. Subscribers must be within their digital local calling area to send and receive text messages. U.S. Cellular does not guarantee actual message delivery or delivery within a specific period of time. Other restrictions may apply. See Store for details. Limited time offer. ©2003 U.S. Cellular. ©2003 U.S. Cellular. Offer begins 8/1/03 and ends 9/30/03. Mail-In Form required. While supplies last. See terms and conditions at participating retail locations for details. Copyright ©1999-2003 U.S. Cellular. ©Nokia 2003. Nokia and Nokia Connecting People are registered trademarks of Nokia Corporation.

If you think you could sell an ad to fit this space, you could have made some big money here.

For info call: 625-9789

Back to Campus Savings!

From pens and notebooks to the latest electronics and furniture, we have what you need to succeed! Don't forget our CopyMax center for professional printing and finishing of your presentations and reports, plus digital photo prints. Just bring this sheet to OfficeMax and let the saving begin!

Store Hours:
Sun: 11am–6pm
Mon–Fri: 8am–9pm
Sat: 9am–7pm

JOPLIN
North Point Center.
Rangeline Road, south of
North Park Mall
623-1007

$149.99

hp invent

- *Print*
- *Copy*
- *Scan*

HP OfficeJet 2110 3-In-1 Machine
- Prints up to 14 pages per minute black, 10 color
- Up to 4800-optimized dpi 2022-1109

Now $99.99 Save $50

Reg. $149.99

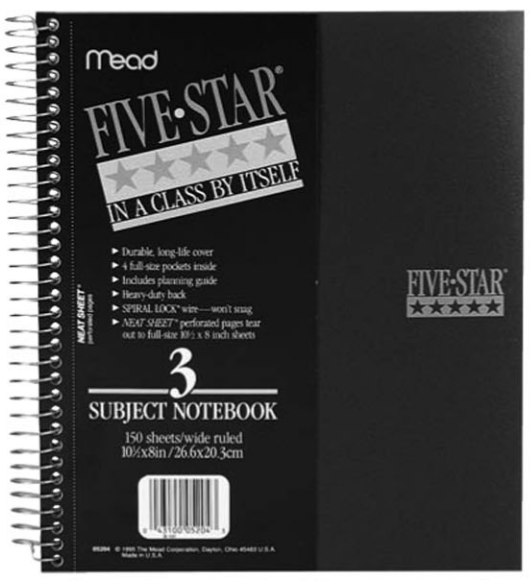
RCA 13" Color TV/VCR
- 2-head VCR • Front/rear input jacks
- Nightglow backlit remote
- 8-event 1-month timer 2039-5788

Buy 2, Get 1 FREE!

MEAD Five-Star Portfolio
- 2 pockets
- Assorted colors 0402-8732/0411-4363/0412-4290

99¢ each Limit 1 Offer.

Buy 2, Get 1 FREE!



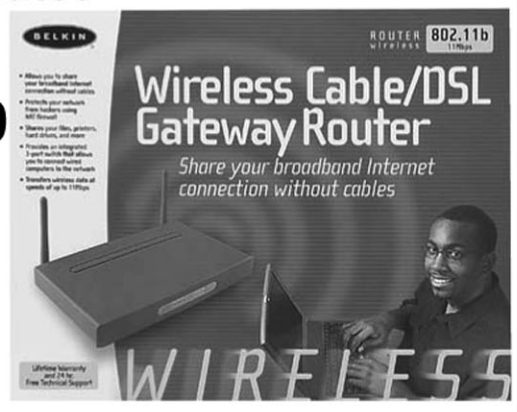
MEAD Five-Star 3-Subject Notebook
- 10½" x 8" • 150 sheets • Wide ruled 0612-8371

$5.29 each Limit 1 Offer.

Save $40 After Rebates

Now $39.99

After Rebates



BELKIN Wireless Cable/DSL Gateway Router 2010-1079
$79.99 - $20 instant rebate - $20 mail-in rebate = $39.99

BELKIN Wireless Notebook Card 2010-5743
$59.99 - $20 instant rebate - $10 mail-in rebate = $29.99

Limit 1 Rebate Each. See mfr's rebate directory in store for details.

Buy 1, Get 1 FREE!

AVERY Retractable Hi-Liter 4-Pack
- Dry-proof
- Retractable tip
- Assorted colors

2032-2955

$3.99 each Limit 1 Offer.

Limited Time Only!

$10 OFF
Any Supply Purchase of $30 or More!
Coupon # 122574429961

$10 OFF
Any Electronics Purchase of $50 or More!
Coupon # 122574430417

$30 OFF
Any Furniture Purchase of $100 or More!
Coupon # 122574429978

Valid in-store only. Excludes sale items, gift cards, MaxAssurance and assembly. Limit one coupon per customer. No photocopies accepted. Not valid with any other offer. Valid 8/29/03 thru 9/13/03. OfficeMax

Two-Month Offer!

15% OFF
Your CopyMax Order of $20 or More!

Valid in-store only. Limit one coupon per customer. No photocopies accepted. Not valid with any other offer. Valid 8/29/03 thru 10/25/03. Coupon # 122574429985 OfficeMax

© 2003 OMX, Inc. OfficeMax®, officemax.com®, OfficeMax PDQ®, CopyMax® and FurnitureMax® are registered trademarks of OMX, Inc. All offers valid thru 9/13/03, except where noted. RO-0718-03646

Judy Howery, deputy city clerk, left, discusses city duties with Lynn Onstott, Joplin public information officer.

Patti Richardson/The Chart

City introduces public information officer

BY JONATHAN BEVILLE
Staff Writer

In February 2003, the employees of Joplin city government expanded to include the position of public information officer.

Lynn Onstott, who graduated from Missouri Southern in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in public communication, is the first person to hold the newly created position.

"Any time you have a large organization, there is a need for communication," Onsott said. "It is my role to facilitate that for the city, between its employees, citizens and the local media."

Joplin Mayor Richard Russell said the city council and city manager, Steve Lewis, have seen the need for the public information officer for several years because of the way city news is covered in Joplin.

"Because in the print media, news is sometimes not reported but sensationalized, no matter what the municipality, Joplin, Webb City or Carl Junction, the city needs a conduit to deliver the same message to all media," Russell said.

Dr. Tom Simpson, associate professor of political science, said the creation of the position is a good step for the city. Simpson served as the city manger for Carthage from 1985-1990.

"In the absence of a public information officer, the media becomes its own information officer," Simpson said. "And the *Joplin Globe* has a very different agenda than the city of Joplin."

"In the past, we've been forced to be reactive, not proactive, with the news media," Russell said. "The news comes out in print, and then we have to play catch up."

Simpson and Russell both said the creation of this position will make governing easier for city officials.

"If there was one thing I could change from my career in city government, I would hire an information officer, a person who could articulate public programs in terms of how it affects people on a personal basis," Simpson said.

"If we decide to pave a road, its not the job of the contractor to knock on your door and let you know," Russell said. "Lynn is the conduit to let people know."

Onstott said her favorite aspect of the job is also the most challenging. She said in this position she is always learning.

"The day you stop learning, however, is the day you die," Onstott said.

Part of the job description for the city's public information officer is to act as Webmaster for the city's Web site. Russell said he intends to use more electronic media over time to communicate with Joplin citizens. Onstott said although more and more people are using the Internet, a recent survey conducted by the city revealed Joplin citizens are not particularly web savvy.

Russell, however, is committed to the use of electronic media.Russell said he would like to see more than the Internet used to communicate the city's message.

"If it became affordable, I would like to see a television station or something that you could just turn on and find out everything that was going on in your community," Russell said. "Whatever it takes to communicate with the citizens."

Before coming to city government, Onsott worked for Freeman Health Systems, starting as a public relations specialist and working her way up to director.

She has also worked for St. John's Regional Medical Center in the same capacity. Her most recent position was public relations manager at Precious Moments in Carthage.

Howard Dean supporters join in Billingsly

BY JONATHAN BEVILLE
Staff Writer

Students and supporters of Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean-Vt. met Sept. 3 on the campus of Missouri Southern.

"This is the second meet-up we've held," said Seth Jackson, host and coordinator. "We had about eight people at the last one."

With 14 people, including students, faculty and community members, Jackson said he believed there was a good turnout at this event.

David Torres, junior accounting major and president of the college Democrats, said Dean's message should be important to college students.

"For starters, he is the only candidate actually pursuing college voters," Torres said. "Most college students are disenfranchised, they don't even vote."

The Dean campaign has gained media attention for the grassroots nature of the campaign. Michael Silberman, national meet-up coordinator for Dean for America, said cover stories published in *Newsweek* and *Time* can be attributed to the momentum built by the grassroots network.

During June and July, meet-up participants wrote more than 50,000 handwritten letters to primary voters in Iowa and New Hampshire.

"What's unique is we are putting the power into the hands of local folks, getting people re-engaged in the political process," Silberman said. "There is no way we can defeat Bush without people taking action."

Campaign spokesman Garrett Graff said that 10,000 people have joined the campaign through meet-ups in the past three days.

People come to Dean meet-ups for different reasons. Dr. Vickie Roettger, assistant professor of biology, came because she is concerned about U.S. ecological policy.

"It's about participatory democracy in response to special interest politics where people don't have the power to engage in the process on which the country was founded," Silberman said.

Despite Democratic claims of a growing grassroots base aiming to defeat Bush in the 2004 election, Bush administration officials are not yet publicly focusing on the opposition.

"There is plenty of time to talk about politics later, the president is not in campaign season right now," said Suzy Defrancis, deputy assistant to the president for communications. "For now, the president is continuing to do his job for the American people."

Join

The Chart

Advertising staff!

•Make money!

• Looks good on resumé

Call: 625-9789

Worship at an area church

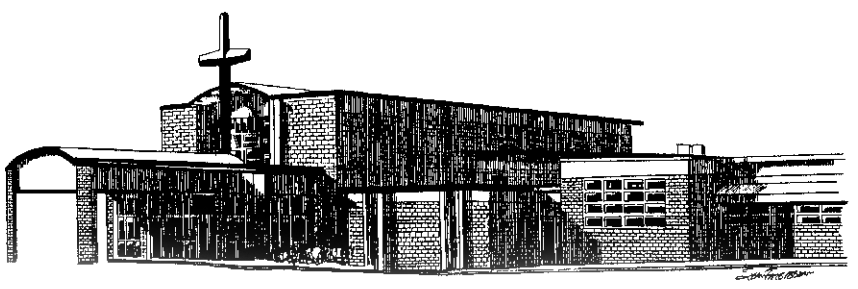
Saint Mary's Catholic Church
2415 S. Moffet Ave.
Joplin, MO 64804
623-3333

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday - 8:30 and 11 a.m.
Monday-Friday - 7 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Mass - 5:30 p.m.
Reconciliation - Saturday - 3-4 p.m. by appointment

Your church could be here next week for only $25! For details call:625-9789

Your church could be here next week for only $25! For details call:625-9789

Your church could be here next week for only $25! For details call:625-9789



Be **RENEWED** by joining our small group community.

Starting October 5.

Saint Mary's Catholic Church
2415 Moffet Ave. Joplin, MO 64804
417-623-3333
e-mail: stmarysjop@sbcglobal.net

LION STATS

Football

Aug. 28 Results

MSSU	6	0	11	7	— 24
BC	7	0	20	0	— 27

First Quarter

MSSU—Komen 30 yd field goal, 10:23. BC—Swalley 11 yd pass from Waggle (Forte kick), 6:27. MSSU—Komen 39 yd field goal, 3:54.

Third Quarter

MSSU—Komen 35 yd field goal, 8:40. BC—Swims 23 yd run (Swalley kick), 6:53. MSSU—Proctor 14 yd run (Hilburn pass). BC—Emery 90 yd kickoff return (Swalley kick), 3:00. BC—Jones 40 yd interception return (Swalley kick failed), 1:29.

Fourth Quarter

MSSU—Combs 10 yd pass from Mothershed (Komen kick), 00:47.

Volleyball

Aug. 30 Results

MSSU	22	27	30	30	15
UCO	30	30	21	23	13

Women's Soccer

Aug. 29 Results

MSSU	0	3	— 3
MSUM	3	2	— 5

MSSU Scoring: Griffin (Phipps), Reisner (Griffin), Reisner (penalty kick).

MSUM Scoring: Klinsing (unassisted), Dusosky (Warhol), Dusosky (unassisted), Klinsing (Dusosky), Murphy (unassisted).

Men's Soccer

Sept. 3 Results

MSSU	1	0	— 1
GU	0	2	— 2

MSSU Scoring: Skiermont (Klarquist).

GU Scoring: Baldwin (Wagenaar), Baldwin (Dias).

Southern Schedule

Sept. 5

Women's Cross Country: @University of Arkansas Invitational.

Men's Cross Country: @University of Arkansas Invitational.

Men's Soccer: @Tampa(Fla).

Sept. 6

Tennis: @MIAA Fall Tournament.

Volleyball: home against Henderson State.

Women's Soccer: home against Washburn.

Sept. 7

Golf: @Northeastern Oklahoma A&M Tournament.

Men's Soccer: @St. Leo(Fla.).

Sept. 8

Golf: @Northeastern Oklahoma A&M Tournament.

Sept. 9

Volleyball: home against Arkansas Tech.

Sept. 10

Women's Soccer: @Rockhurst.

Do you enjoy sports? There's still time to sign up for *The Chart*.

Photo Illustration by Andy Tevis

An illustrated comparison of the old (left) and new turf (right) shows the old turf full of sand and the new turf made of microfibers with ground rubber underneath.

Stadium gains new look for year

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

Hughes Stadium is no longer a beach.

The old turf at the stadium had ripped and was leaking the sand that was underneath of it. With the new turf there is no sand, only ground rubber.

At the end of the spring semester, the Lion Pride Restoration Project awarded the bid of replacing the old turf to Sprinturf.

The bid to replace the track surface was awarded to Beynon Sports Surfaces. The bids were awarded on April 25, and a groundbreaking festivity was held on April 30.

Work on the stadium started on May 5 by tearing up the old turf and the asphalt underneath. When a percolation test was done to the drainage system, the system failed.

"That's why they do those tests," said Sallie Beard, athletics director. "That's part of the process."

The crew had to take up the surface and put the surface down again. The process culminated on July 30 when the Sprinturf crews began putting in the first rolls of the new turf.

The Project raised extra money and put in new lights.

"It became apparent the lights were an issue," Beard said.

"The administration made that decision (to install the lights)."

Beard said 12 hours after the turf was completed unknown individuals took the turf installers' John Deere Gator for a joy ride around the stadium and cross country course. The individuals attempted to damage the new turf by doing donuts in the turf, knocking over the water cannon in the east side of the field.

Entry was gained by driving through the gate on the southeast roller drive-in gate.

Before doing donuts on the field, the individuals took the Gator through the cross country course knocking over some of the mile markers.

The vandals took the Gator to the top of the stadium and jammed the accelerator, which allowed the Gator to jump three rows of bleachers. The Gator then proceeded a third of the way down the bleachers before turning over on the driver's side, damaging the Gator and the bleacher it wrecked into. Upon further inspection, the Gator had a twisted frame, broken right front fender, bent hood, broken ignition switch and other minor damages.

Ken Kennedy, manager of safety and security, said the event happened sometime between the hours of midnight and 7 a.m. Aug. 14.

"They tried to damage the turf," Kennedy said. "The turf was more resilient than anyone thought."

He said the damage done to the stand is insignificant and the incident is being investigated by the Joplin Police Department and security has given JPD information for its investigation.

Since the incident security has "stepped up security" by having officers checking the perimeter of the stadium once an hour.

The construction of the track surface has been put off until November when football season is over so the surface can't be damaged during construction.

Lions pass loss by Warriors, look to NSU

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

The Lions were tomahawked on their first game of the season.

Coming off a 5-6 (3-6 MIAA) record last season, the Lions were handed the first loss of the season by the Bacone College Warriors, 27-24.

"I don't know if we lost to them or beat ourselves," said Bill Cooke, head football coach. "I think we beat ourselves."

One reason why they lost the game is because it was the first week of classes and the team only had 12 practices. Cooke said the NCAA has strict rules on when a team can start practicing and doing two-a-days. He said the team learned a lot from its mistakes.

"I wasn't used to the game being so fast; I just need to slow the game down in my head and connect with my passes," said Kokaine Mothershed, senior quarterback.

Cooke said Mothershed is a warrior, "he's got some rust on him that we're going to get off of him."

"He's our quarterback, and we'll go to war with Kokaine," he said.

"He's going to improve in these next two weeks. He'll improve probably better than anyone on our football team."

Mothershed was a safety last season and was quarterback when he played at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M.

After Josh Chapman graduated, Mothershed was one of many choices to replace him.

"I wasn't surprised with it (becoming quarterback)," Mothershed said.

"Whatever it takes for the team."

Cooke said freshman kicker, Brad Komen, was hitting all of his marks. He said the team has been trying for the past two years to have the kicker kicking 100 percent of his marks.

Southern's next game is at 6 p.m. Sept. 13 at the newly refurbished Hughes Stadium.

"It's absolutely beautiful," Cooke said. "It's a much safer environment to participate in."

He said with the two-week break before the second game against Northeastern State University, the Lions will correct the mistakes of their first game. He said by playing, the team knows what it needs to correct instead of going into a game without knowing what needs to be corrected.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Freshman quarterback Garrett Taylor runs through a practice play Sept. 3 at Hughes Stadium.

The Lions aren't concerned with NSU because they have played the team "for a long time."

Cooke said NSU hasn't changed much in the last couple of years. He said the Redmen have a new offensive coordinator, and he doesn't know what to expect out of him.

"If tradition holds, they are very conservative offensively," Cooke said.

Mothershed said the team has put BC behind them and is correcting the mistakes made in the game. Cooke said once the team corrects the mistakes and starts "firing on all cylinders, we'll be a good team."

Team struggles through game for first win

BY TARA WALKER
Staff Writer

The Lions volleyball team served up a win, and although its future looks bright, there may be blocks ahead.

On Aug. 30, the Lions volleyball team played its first game of the 2003 season at University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. Struggling in the beginning, the Lions lost their first and second games with scores of 22-30 and 27-30, but made a strong comeback in the third, fourth and fifth games with scores of 30-21, 30-23 and 15-13. The team walked away with a well-earned victory. The team's schedule consists of 21 games, including 11 home games and three tournaments, including the MIAA Tournament. If all goes well, the team may advance to the NCAA Division II Regionals and even the NCAA Division II Elite Eight.

Upcoming games take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, when the Lions battle Henderson State at home, then at 7 p.m. Tuesday, they take on Arkansas Tech at home.

Debbie Traywick, head coach, said the team will face more struggles this year, especially within its conference, which consists of nine teams. There will be six returning seniors. She said the seniors are "very driven," flooding the team with experience.

"There are injuries and a lot of other factors that influence, but we have a very good core team doing an excellent job," Traywick said.

There are also a few new faces on the team, which took on six freshmen this year. Freshman Katie Patterson said she is a bit "intimidated" by the experience and skills that the senior players possess.

"Any playing time would be a privilege and a honor," Patterson said.

She said there are no initiations being done to freshmen players.

"The girls have been awesome," Patterson said.

Senior Lindsey Mason said friendships are being built between the freshmen and the upperclassmen.

"We are all one team; we are all equal," Mason said.

Yellowjackets sting Lions

BY JOSH RAY
Executive Editor

The Graceland Yellowjackets stung the Lions soccer team in its first game of the season.

While Adam Skiermont, senior forward, scored the first goal of the game, it was not enough to give Southern the win.

The Yellowjackets came back in the second half, scoring two goals and securing their win.

Kiley Cirillo, head men's soccer coach, blames the loss not on the abilities of the team, but rather on the effort the team put forth, "first game jitters" and self-discipline.

"I'm more disappointed with the quality of effort," he said.

Jared Smith, senior defender, attributes the loss to the mental effort of the team

"Our effort was there, and we played hard, but we just didn't put together 90 minutes," he said.

Skiermont also claims the switching of people's positions as a part of the loss. He said players were put in positions they had not played before and therefore did not know what to do. He believes they will do better "once we get the pieces to the puzzle put together."

As for the rest of the season, Cirillo said he is optimistic about how the team will play.

"They're only going to get better," he said. "I'm happy with the progression. It's going to take a little more effort and what we do as a team"

Even though they started out the season with a loss, Cirillo believes they will learn from the game and do better.

"I think they learned a valuable lesson today," he said.

Smith said the team's goal is to make it to the NCAA playoffs. He said, though, to accomplish the goal, the team will basically have to win every game for the rest of the season. He also believes the team will do better from now on.

"We have a lot of talent," he said. "We're starting out the season, and we're a little rusty right now."

The men's soccer team will play next at 7 p.m. Friday in Tampa, Fla.

T.J. Gerlach/The Chart

J.P. West, sophomore midfielder, steals the ball away from a Graceland University player during the Sept. 3 game. Graceland won the game, 2-1.

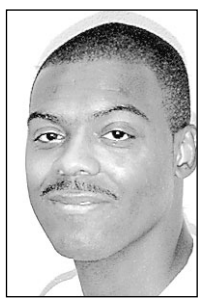
Coach bounces into position

Wright replaces Good as assistant men's coach

BY T.J. GERLACH
Public Forum Editor

A former Missouri Southern student has returned, but this time on the coaching staff.

Aundrey Wright, assistant men's basketball coach, attended Southern for a year in 1992. At that time he and Robert Corn, head men's basketball coach, became acquainted.



Aundrey Wright
Assistant Men's Basketball coach

Corn followed his career from then on.

"Our paths have crossed several times in recruiting," Corn said. "He's been very successful. He's done a quality job since he's been here, and I know he'll do an excellent job."

"I always respected coach Corn," Wright said.

After he left Southern, Wright has followed the basketball program.

Wright replaces Gerad Good. Good left the staff to take an assistant coaching position at Independence Community College.

"Aundrey was the first and only call I made to fill the position," Corn said.

"I know he's an outstanding young man."

Corn said the timing was right for both Southern and Wright.

In the past when Southern had a position open, Wright had a job.

When Wright was switching positions, Southern didn't have an opening, Corn said.

Wright has been coaching basketball since 1994.

His last position was as assistant coach at Georgia College and State University. He left his position there for the opportunity to come back to the Midwest and work with Corn.

"I didn't feel that [helping student athletes] was the focus," Wright said.

He also said he came here to have the chance to work for people he "felt good about."

Wright will share all responsibilities with Corn and Ronnie Ressel, assistant men's basketball coach.

He will be involved with scouting, recruiting and floor coaching.

"He'll have a say in every aspect of our organization," Corn said. "I hope he'll bring in new ideas."

Corn said Wright is doing a great job, and he will give the program additional recruiting opportunities.

Wright has enjoyed his time at Southern.

"I really feel comfortable with the people working here, including all the coaching staffs," he said.

"He's an excellent addition to our staff," Corn said.

"I'm very pleased to have Aundrey on staff. Players, I think, will be very impressed with him."

Wachsman loses debut game, strives to correct past mistakes

BY MELISSA BLANCHARD
Staff Writer

The Mavericks bullied the Lions Aug. 29.

"We were a little jittery the first half, but we really pulled through in the second half," said Jessie Noid, senior defender.

This is Noid's third year as captain for the team.

At the half, Mankato was up 3-0. Southern didn't fold and really showed its colors by tying the game in the second half. Mankato came back and defeated Southern, 5-3.

The lead scorer was Tara Reisner, junior forward, who scored two of Southern's three goals.

It is head women's soccer coach Trevor Wachsman's first year at Southern. He joined Southern from the University of Northern Colorado. This is also the University's first year to have a head woman's coach. In the past, there was one coach for both men and women.

Wachsman voiced his biggest concern for this season as the number of players.

"It's kind of low," he said.

Because this is Wachsman's first year, recruiting was not done with the efficiency of past seasons.

Lions 3

Mavericks 5

"The low numbers have brought us closer, to work as a team, in all aspects of the game," said Kim Boessen, senior goalie.

Boessen is excited about the new system of doing things with the team's new coach.

"We learn something new every day," Boessen said.

"Taking it day by day."

"I think he's (Wachsman) doing a wonderful job this season," Noid said.

The women's soccer team was ranked fifth in the pre-season coaches' poll for conference. Being tied for fifth in conference standings is consistent with the pre-season poll.

The Lions next soccer game is at 2 p.m. Saturday against Washburn. This is Washburn's first year for a women's soccer program.

Wachsman thinks Saturday's game should be a good match up.

"All the errors in the Mankato game were correctable," Noid said.

She said "communication and other basic improvements" will come with time.

"The team chemistry is excellent this year," Boessen said.

She said the chemistry determines the success for the rest of the season, "not to mention all the fun we have."

"Come out and watch us play," Boessen said.

You've Got News

Get The Chart in your Inbox

Register now on our website and automatically receive an Email Edition of the paper with every new issue.

Headline News • College Sports • Campus Calendar
Local Weather • Daily Horoscope

It's the best way to stay informed... and it's free.

www.thechartonline.com

Take a chance on life; join
The Chart advertising staff!

- Great resumé builder
- Commission on all sales
- Earn bonuses
- Interact with clients and develop skills that will last a lifetime

To join, contact: Chart Ad Office @ 625-9789 or
Chart newsroom @ 625-9311 WH 333

Patti Richardson/The Chart

The Southern *Name Game*

University clothing popular items for sale

By Mandi Steele
Managing Editor

Switching names has been this semester's priority for much of the campus, including the bookstore.

When Missouri Southern State College changed to Missouri Southern State University — Joplin, Greg Needham, bookstore manager, put the orders through for the clothing line with the word "University" on it.

He already had the company he orders from design certain items with the new university logo, but had the orders on hold until the name change was definite. Now students can buy certain T-shirts, polo shirts and sweatshirts that either read: "Missouri Southern State University" or "MSSU." Needham said the university T-shirts are a big seller, especially with the football fans.

Needham started preparing for a possible name change last year by ordering items for the store that either said "Southern" or "Missouri Southern" and that left out the word "College." Most of the merchandise that's left in the store and has the word "College" on it or "MSSC" has been discounted 20 percent or higher.

"There's a lot of things that still say MSSC," Needham said.

Needham is trying to get rid of everything with "College" on it to make way for the new inventory.

"Everybody's wanting something with 'University' on it," he said.

Carley Haffner, junior business major, looked over some of the new MSSU sweatshirts and said she will probably buy something that says "University" on it soon.

However, she said she definitely wouldn't buy anything else that still has the word "College" on it because that's "not the right name" anymore.

Haffner doesn't think anyone would want to buy something with Southern's old name on it for full price, but she said some might not mind buying the "College" items if they are cheaper.

She still intends on wearing the clothing she has that says "College."

"But, I wouldn't buy anything new (with 'College' on it)," she said.

Needham already has in more orders for "University" merchandise that will arrive at the bookstore sometime this month. Once Southern has decided on some definite logos that include "University," Needham said it would be easier to design logos for shirts, pendants and other items.

As of now, the only logo Southern has set in stone is its seal, he said.

University President Julio León and Gov. Bob Holden discuss the signing of Senate Bill 55.

Patti Richardson/The Chart

Senate bill gives MSSU board members governor status

By Jerry Manter
Editor-in-Chief

The Missouri Southern institution isn't the only one receiving a name change.

In conjunction with Senate Bill 55, the Southern Board of Regents, as of Aug. 28, will be known as the Board of Governors.

"It's a new name, but it's still a reflection of the state-wide mission," said University President Julio León.

Besides the name change, the Board will see an increase from six to seven members by the next legislative session. The Board has six now, however, since the Board and Southern are still in a transition from a college to a university. The state will allow its current status.

"The university won't notice a lot of the changes," said Dr. Charles McGinty, president of the Board.

McGinty said although a seventh member is guaranteed by the next legislative session in January, a new member could be added in a couple months.

"It's up to the state legislature," McGinty said.

According to Bill 55, people appointed to the Board of Governors must be residents of Missouri and must live within a 60-mile radius of the district in which the University is located.

McGinty said although the Board is undergoing a few changes, its main focus is still Missouri Southern.

"The school has always had fantastic people serving," he said. "They all have had Missouri Southern at heart."

Missouri Western State College is undergoing similar Board changes. The only difference, however, is that the school must find its board members within its district.

While Southern continues its transition, McGinty said the Board will now have more of a statewide mission.

"Before it was a regional mission," McGinty said.

McGinty said with the name change, the Board and University will have a better opportunity to fulfill its statewide mission.

"Eventually, we will have a greater impact around the state," he said.

"We're looking forward to the new challenges."

NAME:

From Page 1

name change, it was a longheld dream for many people in the area," León said. "It's going to be good for the college, for Joplin and for the entire Southwest Missouri region."

The law will allow the Coordinating Board of Higher Education to offer programs, including graduate degrees, on campuses of other colleges. Any diploma awarded for graduate degrees under such a cooperative agreement will now include names of both institutions.

"Cooperative agreements go a long way in promoting Missouri's colleges and universities," Nodler said. "This region is in a unique position because we border three other states that all offer graduate degree programs within easy driving access. Southern has lost a lot of quality students who crossed the border to earn a master's degree."

Leon expects some of the new graduate programs to be available in one to two years.

Business and education programs will be the first to be developed and implemented.

"This opportunity gives the faculty the opportunity to participate in the organization and design of master's programs in the not too distant future," said Dr. Carolyn Hale, associate professor of communications.

"This is an exciting event with positive changes for the students, faculty and community as a whole."

During several previous legislative sessions, Southwest Missouri lawmakers were unsuccessful in passing a Southern name change bill.

"We started seriously looking at achieving university status in 1995," León said. "However, the conditions present weren't as they were this time. All the stars aligned just right this time for this to happen."

León cites the "dramatic changes in the legislature" as the main reason the name change bill was passed this time.

"We had a brand new set of legislators from this area, all eagerly wanting this bill to pass," he said. "Lucky for us, those members were of the controlling party and were able to get the bill passed."

"Getting this legislation passed took a great deal of hard work on the part of the entire Southwest Missouri delegation," Nodler said.

"This year we were finally successful in showing our fellow lawmakers what a fine school Missouri Southern is and that it deserves the designation of university."